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Garden a Tire

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Thulani, Azola, Liam—
How do your gardens grow?
In circles of schoolyard soil
pressed into a dozen discarded tires—
Anda, Luke, Mpumelelo—
a handful of seeds
planted and watered
labeled and tended, with love
Mbutha, Siyamthanda, Masixole
growing carrots and black beans and yams
in circles of CapeTown hope—
Mkhuseli, Yonela, Xhanti—